

EXPLOSION OF SUN SEEN AS POSSIBLE

Many Other Big Stars Have
Blown Up.

Chicago—Should the sun explode, which astronomers say may not happen in a million years, or might happen tomorrow, inhabitants of the earth would know of it in eight minutes and would have but 188 hours to live before they were destroyed by poison gases.

Astronomers at Yerkes observatory admit such an explosion is possible any minute, basing their assertion on the fact that every star has gone, or will go through the explosive stage.

In the spiral Andromeda alone more than forty stars have exploded in the last twenty-five years.

The last great star to explode was Nova Persei, which expanded many thousand diameters in 1901.

Prof. C. T. Elvey of Northwestern University is preparing a thesis on this subject. He says:

"It is quite true that stars do explode and there is no reason why the sun should be an exception. As yet we do not know exactly what the cause of this phenomenon can be, but the generally accepted theory is that the explosions are caused by internal eruptions, caused by the liberation of atomic energy."

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Outlaw Fishermen Surrender to Law

St. Paul.—Outlaw fishermen of the wild north shore of Lake Superior, who have plied their trade there for a century and a half, have surrendered. Hereafter they will fish as the law dictates.

The poachers once believed that Lake Superior contained an inexhaustible supply of fish. But the basis have been less in late years and finally the fishers have determined to join the state in seeking to preserve that which has been their livelihood for years.

Now they themselves are warring on illicit fishermen. State officials were quick to accept the co-operation, for enforcement of laws against poaching always had been difficult in the wild country.

Until recently the fishers laid their nets during the spawning season, ignoring game laws, and used smaller mesh nets than the law allowed.

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REFUSING TO VOTE, WOMEN QUOTE BIBLE

They Nearly Stump Judges,
but Are Fined.

Brusson.—From the little town of Zeist in Holland, not far from Dordrecht, comes a story of forty women who would not vote. Not only did they neglect to vote, but they refused to do so on conscientious grounds and the courtroom scene which followed taxed the Scriptural knowledge of the judges.

All forty were summoned to appear before the local magistrate of Zeist to explain their delinquency. But thirty-eight of these wise women decided not to lower their dignity, so they sent a man delegate to present a written plea to the effect that their consciences would not permit them to go to the polls.

Excuse Antonides Judge.

"Two Dutch women cannot do unwomanly things just because the pope and the socialist leaders would be pleased at this," wrote the convicting thirty-eight. That in itself sufficiently astonished the good judge. Then, on behalf of the women the delegate quoted a verse from Proverbs: "Her explosions are caused by internal eruptions, caused by the liberation of atomic energy."

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CHINAMAN'S BRIDE CAN'T COME HOME

Dilemma of American Girl in
the Orient.

New York.—The wedding ring which sealed the elopement of a beautiful Brooklyn girl, a Columbia graduate, with a native-born Chinese has become the bar which will forever prevent her return to her native land.

The information came from China, where Mrs. Pao is literally married and her Chinese husband, formerly president of the National university in Peking, a prisoner in the hands of the Nationalist troops.

"You will have to get a divorce before you get an American passport," Mrs. Pao was told by American consular officers in China, according to the information sent here.

"If you get a Chinese passport you can go to America for only six months and cannot remain permanently. As there is no Chinese quota, the officials further advised her."

Mrs. Pao has protested to her American relatives that she is deeply in love with the Chinese husband whom she met when both were students in Columbia, five years ago.

"I have no intention of divorcing him. I love him, but I want to return to America, and they say I can't without a divorce," the American wife of the Chinese professor insisted.

"I have never registered my marriage," she said.

Since Professor Pao was captured by the Nationalist forces five months ago, his wife seldom has been permitted to communicate with him and has never seen him.

Carried Half Mile

New York.—Sweep more than half a mile by the swirling underground waters of New York's sewers and finally washed into the East river, seven-year-old Anthony Agostino was little the worse for his experience.

The boy fell into a sewer manhole while playing with several companions in a subway excavation at Third avenue and Fifty-third street. Cries of his companions attracted watchmen, who notified the police and fire departments.

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Harris, France.—Fear of detention at Ellis Island was expressed by Francis, minister of commerce, Maurice Bokanowski, when he sailed for New York aboard the France, because he did not have time to get an American visa on his passport.

Turn to Pharmacy

Madrid.—The feminist invasion of masculine professions has been suddenly turned toward pharmacy. During the last year 200 women received licenses to operate drug stores in Madrid alone.

Church Parade in London Comes Back

London.—The Sunday church parade has come back to York. For a time it appeared that the important event of olden days, which tourists included in their itinerary along with the Tower of London and Westminster abbey, had become an obsolete function. But the show has returned in all its old-time glory and current styles in feminine dress have made it more colorful than at any other period.

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Manhatten's Fifth and the latest Paris fashions have added zest to the parade, as have girls with Edwardian frocks. Some are trailed by dogs selected to match their costumes to the dot.

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Bent Creek
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The schools have opened for another session.

Rev. Gray L. Ligan closed a series of meetings lasting ten nights last Wednesday. It has been many years since there was such a revival of religion in Maple Grove Church. We had good attendance and fine preaching each night.

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